

REMARKS

After entry of this response, claims 15-27 will remain in this application, with claims 15 and 27 in independent form. Claims 15, 17-21 and 24-27 are currently amended. Claims 16, 22 and 23 are withdrawn. Claims 1-14 and 28 are cancelled.

The title is amended to correct a typographical error that occurred in the Application Data Sheet. Specifically, the title is amended to a "Bushing And Hinged Joint Comprising Such A Bushing."

Claims 15, 17-21 and 24-26 are currently amended to clarify and positively set forth the claimed invention, and place the claims in proper format. Specifically, Applicant claims "A folding top mechanism". Claim 27 is currently amended to place claim 27 in proper independent claim format. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is being introduced.

The application currently stands restricted to one of Species A of Figures 1-3 and 5-7, and Species B of Figures 4 and 8. The Examiner contends that, currently, claims 15 and 18-19 are generic.

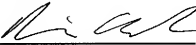
In response to this restriction, Applicant elects Species A of Figures 1-3 and 5-7 for prosecution on the merits, without traverse. Claims 15, 17-21 and 24-27 are readable upon Species A of Figures 1-3 and 5-7. Claims 16 and 22-23 are deemed withdrawn as these claims are readable upon the non-elected Species B of Figures 4 and 8.

As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic independent claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

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